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Title: **SUBSTITUTED PURINE DERIVATIVES, PROCESSES FOR THEIR PREPARATION, THEIR USE, AND COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING THEM**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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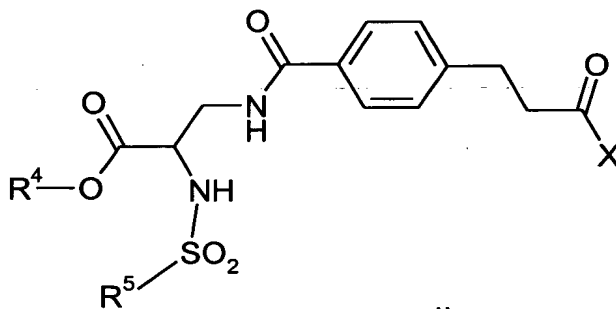
Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified prior application be amended as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-10 and 13-22, without prejudice or disclaimer thereof, and add the following new claims.

23. (New) A compound having the general formula II,



II

wherein:

NO R^1 and R^2 (1) independently of one another are hydrogen or (C_1-C_6) -alkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by R^3 , or (2) the radicals R^1 - and R^2 - together are a saturated or unsaturated bivalent (C_2-C_9) -alkylene radical which is unsubstituted or is substituted by one or more groups selected from the group consisting of halogen, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, (C_1-C_6) -